



The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) is a state agency serving more than two million people through grants and special initiatives that enhance communities, assist artists and arts organizations, promote the arts in education and celebrate Mississippi's cultural heritage.

Established in 1968 by the state Legislature, MAC is the official grants-making and service agency for the arts in Mississippi. Funding for MAC and its programs is provided by the State of Mississippi, the National Endowment for the Arts, and private sources.

All eligible candidates are considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, physical disability, age, membership in an employee organization or other non-merit factors.

MAC's Artist Roster is a valuable tool in this effort, and provides a diverse listing of high quality artists who are available for performances, workshops, and other activities in communities throughout the state. These activities can be supported through MAC's Minigrant program.



ARTISTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING

the Roster program must apply to MAC. Applications go through a thorough review process, including an evaluation by a panel of arts presenters, educators and fellow artists. There are two distinct rosters within the program:

THE MISSISSIPPI ARTIST ROSTER

is a listing of professional artists living and working in the state who are available to do performances, workshops, and other presentations in a wide variety of settings.

These artists:

- Demonstrate mastery of their artistic discipline and have a body of high quality work.
- Are able to demonstrate or interpret their artistic discipline to a variety of audiences.
- Have a history of successful performances or presentations and can travel to perform at locations throughout the state.

THE TEACHING ARTIST ROSTER

features professional artists and arts educators who have the skills and experience to work with teachers and administrators to develop strategies for utilizing the arts in instruction, beginning at the pre-K level and continuing through college.

These artists:

- Provide arts learning opportunities that align with the state-level visual and performing arts frameworks
- Make connections between work in the arts and the state Department of Education's mandated learning goals
- Collaborate with classroom teachers or arts education committees
- Work with both teachers (through professional development) and students (through hands-on lessons)
- Support efforts to integrate arts learning with other subject areas
- Assist school staff in continuing arts education programs in the absence of a teaching artist through sharing skills, techniques, and curricula

SCHEDULING AN ARTIST

Organizations or schools that are interested in presenting a Roster Artist must contact the individual or group directly. While MAC staff can provide some advisory assistance to organizations that are planning an event, all agreements between a Roster Artist and a presenting organization are the responsibility of the presenter.

GRANT SUPPORT FOR PRESENTING ROSTER ARTISTS

MAC supports the presentation of Roster Artists through its Minigrant Program. Non-profit organizations (with IRS 501(c)3 status), schools, and other local government entities can apply for funding to support up to half of a Roster Artist's fee (up to \$1,000).

In addition to the artists on MAC's Roster, organizations may also apply for a Minigrant to present an artist who is a member of another directory of professional artists. The program must have an adjudication process in place that reviews the artistic quality of the applicants. Some examples of eligible listings include the roster programs of other state arts agencies, regional arts organizations, or a professional artist organization like the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

The Minigrant program has two annual application deadlines, June 1 and November 1. The full guidelines and application form for the program are available on MAC's website.

For more information on MAC grant programs, please call 601-359-6030, or visit our website at www.arts.state.ms.us.

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www.arts.state.ms.us/artist-roster/artist-roster.php



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Bill Abel is a Delta blues guitar player and singer. Often, he plays traditional country blues on cigar-box guitars. He makes these instruments using driftwood from the Mississippi River. He also plays acoustic and electric guitars solo, with a full band, or a one-man blues band. His most recent release is "Bill Abel, One-Man-Band". Mississippi Artist Roster



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Cecil Abels is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter and performer of folk music who has traveled the world, played and toured for 15 years in New England and Europe. Playing guitar, mandolin, ukulele and acoustic bass to accompany himself, Cecil reaches multi-level audiences with talent and musical insights. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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Dexter started out playing guitar at the church where his father was pastor. He performed with blues legend Bobby Rush around the world. His unique style landed the 2008 Jackson Music Award for Male Vocalist. Dexter also lends his time and talents to blues workshops in area schools. He is known as one of the best 21st century Mississippi blues performers. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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A photographer, musician, designer and civic activist, Ellis' primary passion is writing. Her work has been published in *Southern Cultures, Salon* and MSNBC. Her writing has garnered several awards, including the Eudora Welty 2010 Book Prize and a Mississippi Arts Commission Fellowship for Literary Excellence (2007) for her first book, *Under Surge, Under Siege; The Odyssey of Bay St. Louis and Katrina.* She lives in Bay St. Louis and works as a freelance writer and photographer. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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Janis is a visual artist who has had experience as an art teacher in both private and public schools. Her projects use school-friendly art materials: paper, glue, scissors, paint, air dry and oven baked clays, along with ordinary found objects, and magazine images to craft both 2D and 3D artworks. She encourages reflections on the artwork to create artist statements, process journals, and stories about the artwork. *Teaching Artist Roster*



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Rick's 25 years of teaching and six years of illustrator school visits definitely shows, so take a look at his calendar and find a day or more that Rick can come to your school. Rick's sessions begin with a short introduction. He explains how he became an illustrator, and how an artist works differently from an illustrator.

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Teaching Artist Roster



Stephanie Artz 415 Stuart Island Rd. Lake Village AR 71653 870-265-9907 212-477-5166 mhowell@hunter.cuny.edu

Stephanie Artz is a ballet dancer and teaches yoga, authentic movement, and contact improvisation. A certified Trager Practitioner and Usui Reiki Master, she offers classes for K-12 classes in dance, movement, partnering, and authentic movement tied to curriculum. She also conducts teachers workshops on how to integrate physical movement into classroom lessons.

Teaching Artist Roster



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Born in London, England, Adrian has been a resident of Oxford, MS for over 25 years. In his teens, he became aware of New Orleans jazz and started playing jazz on the recorder, followed by the clarinet, banjo and piano. Adrian was a pioneer of the skiffle movement, a mixture of Blues and Country music, and later played clarinet, tenor saxophone, banjo, acoustic guitar and piano. He plays in concerts, clubs, private parties, functions, schools, festivals.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Carrie Sue Ayvar 1829 NE 179th St. North Miami Beach, FL 33162 305-945-4804 cayvar@aol.com

Bilingual storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar connects people, languages and cultures through her stories that flow effortlessly between Spanish and English. An awardwinning teaching artist, she has been Kennedy Center trained. For over 25 years, she has performed at schools, parks, libraries, community festivals and museums.

Teaching Artist Roster



Cristen Craven Barnard 25 Oakley Cove Senatobia, MS 38668 662-301-1371 cristencbarnard@comcast.net

Cristen offers a unique blend of painting expertise and public art experience. Her murals are on display in schools, parks, churches, cities, towns and residences across the Mid-South region. She can design, collaborate, plan, instruct or paint murals solo, or with almost any group. An award winning artist, Cristen works on both interior and exterior mural projects. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Pam Beagle-Daresta 392 Mark Avenue Marietta, GA 30066 678-230-9972 pdarest@hotmail.com

Pam is a visual arts teaching artist & professional development presenter who has developed and taught curriculum-integrated art programs for art centers and schools K-12. She is affiliated with the Georgia Council for the Arts, South Carolina Arts Commission, Young Audiences of St. Louis and Atlanta, and The High Museum's "I See Literacy" Artist in Education Rosters. Pam's residencies include curriculum integrated printmaking, papermaking, book arts, murals, and collaborative sculpture.

Teaching Artist Roster



Bellescanto Maryann Kyle, soprano; Theresa Sanchez, piano 907 N. 34th Avenue Hattiesburg, MS 39401 601-271-8700 sanchezth@comcast.net

Bellescanto performs a wide variety of American and European art songs, spirituals, operatic arias, and solo piano of all style periods. Dr. Kyle is on faculty at The University of Southern Mississippi and Dr. Sanchez is on faculty at Jones County Junior College.

Mississippi Artist Roster



George Berry, Sr. 122 Berry Drive Pearl, MS 39208 601-260-7749 georgeberrysr@att.net

Woodcarver George Berry is a charter member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and teaches weekly for the Guild. Berry's works are in private collections and museums throughout the midwest and south and have been featured in books, magazines and other publications. He received a Mississippi Arts Commission Artist Fellowship in 1999 and was one of the recipients of the 2011Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. Mississippi Artist Roster



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Eden's boogie-woogie piano style has established her as a Mississippi favorite. Nominated for the "Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year" Award, Eden was named "Acoustic Artist of the Year" by The Blues Foundation in 2009. Brent performs classic blues and jazz as a soloist and band leader at festivals, concerts and clubs around the nation and the world. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



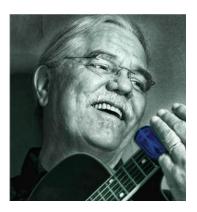
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Patrick and Nancilee Bodine create designs in pottery and precious metal clay jewelry. They teach classes in their studio in Wiggins, at schools, churches, museums, and at art centers around Mississippi and the south. They teach teachers and students of all ages and abilities, host special workshops featuring other master artists and teach at the Mississippi Crafts Center in Ridgeland for the Craftsmen's Guild of MS. *Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster*



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Singer Pat Brown has performed throughout the United States and Europe. A native of Meridian, Brown came into prominence with her mid '90s hit song, "Miss Equal Opportunity." She has performed with blues greats like Willie Clayton, Johnny Taylor, and Bobby Rush. Her most recent CD, For Your Information Only, was released on Tapna Records in 2007. Mississippi Artist Roster



Virgil Brawley 1125 Carlisle St. Jackson, MS 39202 bigjuv@comcast.net 601-353-8701

Virgil Brawley has been playing over 40 years. After releasing 3 CDs with his band, The Juvenators, in the last decade, he recorded a solo album, *Bottle Tree*, in 2009. Virgil is featured on vocals, slide, dobro and guitar. He can add one guitar or a full band to meet the needs of your festival or event.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Burkhead has a performance background in many musical styles and instruments. His experience covers styles including orchestral, African, Caribbean, Latin American, and other world music. Burkhead's lectures are informative and audience friendly. Students and teachers are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of music forms and dance. Mississippi Artist Roster



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Conner Burns is a studio artist in Natchez, Mississippi. He works with the vessel form as well as large-scale sculptural installations. Images of his work can be seen in books about teapots, pitchers, bowls, tumblers and glazes. He teaches workshops to professional and amateur clay artists across North America and has received awards from art organizations throughout the state and nation. Mississippi Artist Roster



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Sarah C. Campbell is an award-winning writer and photo-illustrator whose specialty is nonfiction for children. Her latest book, Growing Patterns: Fibonacci Numbers in Nature, was named a 2011 Outstanding Science Trade Book for Students K-12 by the NSTA. Campbell has served as artist in residence at Davis Magnet School and McLeod Elementary School in Jackson, leading book publishing and photography projects with first, second, and third graders. Mississippi Artist Roster **Teaching Artist Roster**



Cedric Burnside & Lightnin' Malcolm 1300 Baxter St., Ste. 405 Charlotte, NC 28204 704-358-4777 kevin@intrepidartists.com

A rowdy, infectious blend of North Mississippi hill country blues and rock brought Cedric and Lightnin' together. The end result was such an authentic, swampy, backwoods sound that when you hear it, you'll have a hard time believing you're not sitting in a juke joint somewhere in the Mississippi Delta.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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June combines an energetic storytelling style, humor, and the magical sounds of the hammered dulcimer, lap dulcimer, and guitar to give listeners a total story experience. Hands-on experiences for the audience are a part of most programs. Children and adults are encouraged to get a closeup look at June's percussion instruments, to ask questions, and try out a tune. Mississippi Artist Roster



CATEGORY 5 Wind Quintet Contact: Danilo Mezzadri 118 College Drive #5081 Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001 Phone: 601-266-5093 Fax: 601-266-6427

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CATEGORY 5 is a wind quintet comprised of faculty members at the University of Southern Mississippi. Founded in 2005 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, this dynamic group of young musicians committed themselves to the cultural revitalization of the Gulf South, not only by staging high quality chamber music performances but also by offering numerous educational and service projects in local schools.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Grady is a self-taught harmonica player and vocalist. He was winner of the 2010 International Blues Challenge and a featured performer on the Mississippi Juke Joint Stage at the 2009 Chicago Blues Festival. Champion has shared the stage with notable blues musicians such as the world famous Honeyboy Edwards, has recorded four CDs, and he is currently working on a new album. Mississippi Artist Roster



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Dance A Story melds dance, drama, and music to bring creative energy to learning. The duo brings to life fine literature, folklore, and original work as a jumping off point to model lessons, workshops, in-service trainings, coaching, and consultations.

Teaching Artist Roster



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Davis is an Associate Professor of Music, teaching voice and voice related studies at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is an active member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, The Music Teachers National Association, and is on the Executive Board of the state chapter of the The Mississippi Music Teachers Association. Ms. Davis was also selected as a fellow of the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. Mississippi Artist Roster



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Tony Davenport is visual artist who has experience as an art instructor in both middle and high schools. He has worked with students of all ages including adults. Davenport's workshops include drawing, oil, & acrylic painting, ceramics, 2D & 3D design, batik and mural design. He also integrates various genres of music in his lessons coupled with activities that teach across the school curriculum.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Eric Deaton 129 CR 422 Water Valley, MS 38965 662-513-5219 Cell: 662/380-6332 chulahoma@yahoo.com

Eric is a blues guitarist, singer and songwriter, specializing in the North Mississippi hill country style. He apprenticed under blues legends R.L. Burnside and Junior Kimbrough. Constantly touring, Eric plays original music, as well as traditional hill country blues songs and down home standards. Eric's musical repertoire offers many options to presenters, including solo performances, performances with his band The Eric Deaton Trio or as part of a full band.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Ken Davies 1418 Louis Alexis Trail Gautier, MS 39553 228-522-0028 web: www.kendavies.net email: ken@kendavies.net

Ken has worked lifelong as a composer, performer, conductor and teacher. His award-winning compositions range from song to electronic soundscape and he has become a familiar face at many new music festivals across the USA. He also offers workshops and master-classes in songwriting, musicians' copyright matters, and music technology. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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Anthony DiFatta is native of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. After serving in the Navy he returned to Mississippi to study painting and sculpture at USM. His artwork has been seen internationally, and he compiled and designed the book *Images from the Edge*, a collection of artwork and creative writing from the Stubbs Homeless Program. Anthony's paintings have been in many solo and group exhibits across the nation. He now teaches painting, drawing, and art at Madison Central High School. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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The Dillonaires are a family band out of Jackson, Mississippi. Dad Sherman Lee, son Andrew John, and daughter Anna Lee provide the voices and musical accompaniment served up with an unforgettable helping of down-home energy. From the pages of an old shape-note hymnal to brand-new tunes in the style of A.P. Carter and Hazel Dickens, the trio will make you laugh, sing, cry and dance. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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Jackie is a Professor of Piano at Mississippi State University, where she has been a faculty member since 1991. She is a soloist or collaborative musician on piano or harpsichord. Dr. Edwards serves as a master class clinician for pianists of all ages and ability levels, to teach demonstration group piano classes, to give workshops, or to perform lecture-recitals.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Vergia Towner Dishmon 4647 Norway Drive Jackson, MS 39206-3348 601-362-3842

Singer, arranger and composer, Vergia (often referred to as "The Songbird") is blessed with the gift of song. Her performances have taken her all over the United States and Europe where she toured to standing room only crowds. A former teacher, Vergia delights in entertaining and instructing audiences with the origin, history and interpretation of the much loved hymns of the church. Her latest CD is a collection of hymns and revered gospel selections.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Front Porch Dance 910 Morningside St., Apt. B Jackson, MS 39202 810-623-4695 frontporchdance@gmail.com

A Mississippi-based dance collective practicing an American-born dance form, the dancers bring classical ballet and modern techniques to a blend of quality, detail and freedom of exploration. They offer workshops in dance technique, improvisation and composition and are available for performances in theaters, as well as non-traditional performance venues. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



King Edward 2529 Emmitt Avenue Jackson, MS 39213-5914 Contact: Peggy Brown 601-613-7377 www.sonicbids.com/KingEdward

King Edward has played with blues legends such as McKinley Mitchell, Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Sam Myers. He has received a Peavey Award for his contribution to Mississippi music. He is member of the Central Mississippi Blues Society and the International Blues Foundation. Mississippi Artist Roster



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As a teaching artist and award winning author/illustrator of children's books, Chuck's goal is to inspire students to become life long readers. His unique programs keep students engaged and learning by using proven, research-based learning strategies. Chuck is available to work with students and teachers for full day or three to five day residencies throughout the academic year and summer workshops. Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster



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Singer-songwriter Latongya Garner offers concerts that encompass jazz, blues and soul. Her performances demonstrate the interwoven blend of spirituals and traditional blues adorned with stylistic interpretations and phrasings of vocal jazz. She performs in concert settings, in entertainment venues, museums, festivals, at cul-



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Tom's workshops consist of a study of the history of papermaking, the methods used, and the resources required. Students and teachers experience the hands-on excitement in making their own paper from a variety of items. After the paper is made, then academic projects relating to the curriculum will determine how the paper will be used. Students are always excited to see their teachers participating in the papermaking experience.



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Lori is a mixed media artist and writer. She works in many different forms of media including graphite, acrylic, handmade paper, fabric and polymer clay. Recently, one of her pieces was acquired by the Smithsonian Institution for their permanent collection. Lori has work in the collections of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, Robin Roberts, and Barack and Michelle

Mississippi Artist Roster



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A self-taught thereminist, Thomas Grillo plays in classical and other genres. He sings first tenor with the Jackson Choral Society and has performed with the Magnolia Chorus, the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, and the Mississippi Opera Chorus.

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Teaching Artist Roster



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After a long career performing in West Coast jazz clubs, Beverly Hills hotels and Disneyland, the Hessions relocated to the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 2003. Within a few weeks Jim had joined clarinetist Jack Maheu's "Fire in the Pet Shop Jazz Band," played on the Steamboat Natchez and was featured in Jimmy Maxwell's Orchestra for the 2004 Mardi Gras Balls. Jim and Martha bring a level of talent and versatility not often found on the music scene. Mississippi Artist Roster



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Steven writes for money, and teaches others how. The author of three published novels, he is best known as Mississippi's most honored advertising writer, with over a 35-year career. Appropriate for groups of high school students on up to senior citizens, his workshops are designed to help attendees break through the psychological barriers that prevent most people from achieving their potential. Mississippi Artist Roster



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With their homemade guitars, flashing lights and smoke spitting from tail pipes, they are sure to bring you the hottest show ever. They perform the blues with the confidence of knowing their Mississippi history, redirecting the love, hard times, betrayal and strife into their music. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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Huff is Assistant Professor of Trumpet at Mississippi State University and Principal Trumpeter of the Starkville Symphony and a member of the Golden Triangle Brass Quintet. From the Renaissance and Baroque to standard classical concerti, he is available to perform on instruments such as the baroque trumpet and cornetto. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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The Impromptu Piano Quartet was fromed in 2006 by outstanding musicians in the Hattiesburg area. As the only piano quartet in Mississippi, IPO has presented more than 15 concerts over the years. IPO also performs regularly at university campuses such as The University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg and Gulf Coast campuses) and Jones County Junior College.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Jackson Irish Dancers are a non-profit corporation whose mission is to spread knowledge, enjoyment and understanding of traditional Irish dance through instruction, performance, and social gathering. They feature traditional Irish set dancing, céilí dancing, and solo dancing, as well as original choreography. They can arrange for live music to accompany the dancers or play for any event. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



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Tracie is Dance Integration Instructor at Casey Elementary School in Jackson. She offers workshops and master classes to schools and community groups throughout the state, and a wide range of courses and services in musical theater, jazz, modern ranging from beginning to advanced classes. Ms. James-Wade is available to work throughout the state of Mississippi. *Teaching Artist Roster*



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Rebecca is a storyteller who uses her experience as an actress and playwright to bring to life classical and original literature. Rebecca designs performances, residencies and workshops. She has traveled around the world, sharing her stories and folklore. She entertains and instructs with new and ageless stories, and emphasizes the importance of the oral tradition in all cultures. *Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster*



Althea Jerome & Kathryn Lewis 3307 Southaven Drive Hattiesburg, MS 39402 601-268-6906 601-928-4344 ajerome@comcast.net

Althea and Kathryn are teaching artists who travel the state of Mississippi to work in Pre-K through 12th grade settings. They tailor arts education experiences and professional development training with discipline-specific workshops in music and theatre; demonstration lessons; arts integration training; and arts focused professional development. Teaching Artist Roster



Doris Jones 16 Peach Tree Lane Madison, MS 39110 601-856-3440 dorisfjones@bellsouth.net

Drawing from a wide range of classroom and library experiences, Doris teaches and promotes reading while keeping the audience engaged with her animated, interactive style. As a teaching artist, Doris Jones uses both folktales and original stories as springboards for meeting curriculum objectives.

Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster



Bessie Johnson 2681 E. Tibbee Road West Point, MS 39773 662-494-2813 bbj1@ebicom.net http://www.ebicom.net/~bbj1/

Bessie is a pine needle basket weaver and a charter member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi. With simple supplies and respect for her past, she is now offering another exciting art revival. It is called Burnt Matchstick Art. Her work is based on traditional coiling and wrapping techniques common to many cultures, but her forms and designs are hers alone.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Super Chikan Johnson Contact: Charles Ragsdell 282 Spring Street Eureka Springs, AR 72632 888-581-7763 bookings@musiciansmutual.com

James "Super Chikan" is recognized worldwide as one of today's most entertaining and authentic blues performers. He also crafts ornate, funky gas can and broomstick stringed instruments - symbols of a life of "making do with what he had" in order to give voice to his talent. Mississippi Artist Roster



Howard Jones 1233 Saint Ann Street Jackson, MS 39202-2149 601-927-0987 howard@ howardjonesjazz.com

Howard offers an extensive repertoire of jazz music for any occasion. He plays music from pre-1960's, including jazz, blues, standards, ballads, swing, Latin and rock. He is committed to the preservation of jazz, and offers jazz workshops to those interested in learning more about how to create ad lib "rides" and play chord progressions.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Guelel Kumba Contact: Stacy DeHart 15 Herman Dr. Oxford, MS 38655 541-206-4686 perfectpitchbooking@ gmail.com

Guelel is a guitarist, singer and songwriter of Fulani (African) heritage. He performs solo, accompanying himself on guitar, as well as with his band Afrissippi. Guelel's performances include a mix of orginal and traditional Fulani songs and originals. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Lisa Lambert & the Pine Ridge Boys P.O. Box 389 Dennis, MS 38838 662-293-0136 scott@lisalambertmusic.com

Performing string-band "roots" music dedicated to preserving Southern musical heritage, their twist on forgotten bluegrass, old-time, country, blues, and gospel classics takes the audience on a roller-coaster ride of emotions. Available for churches, parties, festivals, workshops, demonstrations, and school performances. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Lane Chapel Quintet

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The Lane Chapel C.M.E. Male quintet was first organized in the fall of 1976 at the Lane Chapel Christian Episcopal Church located in Tupelo, MS. The group's style of music is Gospel a' capella. They have performed in churches around the country. Recently the group was in a documentary record for an internationally acclaimed classical music vocalist, Helmut Lotti. He invited the group to take part in a 35-stop European Tour.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Legacy
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Legacy has drawn the enthusiastic attention of Celtic (Irish traditional) music fans across the South and Southwest. Their skill is undeniable; their arrangements complex and challenging; and their performances are tight and energetic. To enhance understanding of their music, band members they inform the audience about their instruments, including tin whistle, bodhrán, fiddle, wooden flute, and others. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Shawn Leopard & John Paul Two Harpsichords Contact: John Paul P.O. Box 1366 Jackson, MS 39205 601-354-1537 ext. 136, johnpaul@standrewscathedral.org

Shawn and John reach all types of audiences by including their own transcriptions of popular pieces plus all the classics of the two-harpsichord literature. Master classes, workshops, and informances for school children of all ages are a specialty, where the audience members are invited to play the instruments and examine them.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Philip Levin 710 W. Beach Blvd. Long Beach, MS 39560 228-596-7217 writerpllevin@gmail.com

Philip provides lectures and seminars on writing. His short stories have been published in several anthologies, including the Red Dog Writers in Jackson, the Gulf Coast Writer Association anthologies, and online magazines. As editor of the GCWA's magazine, the Magnolia Quarterly, he provides editing tips and publishing contacts for writers.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Sarah Mabary & Victoria Johnson Contact: Sarah Mabary 801 Duane Street Hattiesburg, MS 39401 mabarymezzo@yahoo.com 812-391-3337

Mezzo-soprano Sarah Mabary and collaborative pianist Victoria Johnson offer both a standard recital and a lecture recital of songs and song cycles designed to promote these musical gems. From careers to dreams, nights to songs, and death to love, this program offers both traditional and unfamiliar repertoire presented with a twist of humor. "Songs of Mississippi" features selected songs and song cycles by living Mississippi composers; both a standard art song recital and a lecture recital are available.



Randy Mapes Hinds Community College P.O. Box 1100 Raymond, MS 39154-1100 601-857-3639 601-397-6147 rkmapes@hindscc.edu

Randy performs a wide variety of programs including a solo saxophone recital, performance with a band or orchestra, or a recital featuring all five major woodwind instruments. He offers master classes and workshops covering subjects such as pedagogical techniques, literature, equipment, and performance techniques on one or more members of the woodwind family. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Derrick Martin 123-A Hwy. 80 East #131 Clinton, MS 39056 601-454-3745 d1971mar@yahoo.com

Derrick is a drummer, producer, recording artist and songwriter working in studios nationwide. He has been a member of Little Richard's Band for 15 years. His workshop focuses on the drum set and its history in American music. He demonstrates drum mastery in all genres of music from jazz to hip hop. The workshop parallels successes at a professional level and how that success starts in the classroom. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Leslie Lee Marshall 5783 Rainbow Parkway Toomsuba, MS 39364 601-934-1414 Lalee8888@hotmail.com

Leslie has been a professional ballroom competitor, instructor, and choreographer for the last 14 years. She has designed programs that allow children of all ages to relate current styles of self-expression to the fundamentals and origins of ballroom dance. She offers staff development and teacher training workshops. *Teaching Artist Roster*



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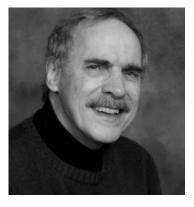
Marshall's "Magic of Clay" workshops explore the wonders of clay as an artistic medium, emphasizing visualization, handeye coordination and science, specifically physics, chemistry, earth science and engineering. She is an exhibiting member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi, the Oxford Artist Guild and an artist in residence for VSA arts.

Mississippi Artist Roster



James "Jimbo" Mathus P.O. Box 12 Como, MS 38619-0012 mathuspr@gmail.com www.jimbomathus.com

In his native Mississippi and throughout the South Mathus is a songwriter of bornin-the-bone Southern music, the torchbearer for Deep South mythology and culture. Mathus sang on the North Mississippi Allstars' 2006 Grammy-nominated *Electric Blues Watermelon*. His latest band, The Tri-State Coalition, features solid talent cut from the same Delta cloth as Mathus himself. The band was recently signed by Memphis International records and released their first CD, Confederate Buddha, in May 2011. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



John Maxwell 3525 Hawthorn Drive Jackson, MS 39216 601-720-4778 Day 601-981-0777 PM maxwell@netdoor.com

John has been touring with his one-man show, "Oh, Mr. Faulkner, Do You Write?" for 25 years. For 15 years John has been writing and presenting his religious monologues including: St. Peter (Fish Tale), St. Paul (The Last Epistle), John the Baptist (Flower Child), Barnabas (Giving, and The Son Of Joy!), Judas (Me And My Shadow), and Joseph (Father To The Step-son).



Lannie Spann McBride 1902 Queensroad Ave. Jackson, MS 39213 601-982-5243 lanniespann@yahoo.com

Lannie is a vocal recording artist, published composer, and teacher with a heart for children. She provides solo lecture recital programs, sing-along assemblies, choir workshop clinics, and supplemental musical experiences for children and adults. Her presentations teach, enrich, practice, and inform. Mississippi Artist Roster



Lil McKinnon Hicks 2204 Heritage Hill Drive Jackson, Mississippi 39211 601-259-6461 www.LilMcKHJewelry.com

Lil had a 25-year career as a copywriter before finding a new form of communication as a metalsmith and jewelry designer. Lil's small group demonstrations and hands-on workshops encompass beading, wirewrapping, silver-smithing and kiln-firing of enamel. She includes educational discussion on natural science concepts, material resources, jewelry-making pointers and professional bench tips. Mississippi Artist Roster



Nellie McInnis 759 Glencross Drive, #25-303 Jackson, MS 39206 601-991-2102 mcinnisn@bellsouth.net

Nellie is a professional bass player. She has opened shows and performed with dozens of national acts. Nellie presents a workshop to youth and preschoolers entitled "Catch Them While They're Young." She has workshops for gifted and physically challenged students, has been awarded by the National Committee Arts with the Handicapped, and received numerous national awards, certificates and recognitions. Mississippi Artist Roster



Valerie McKnight 2680 Askew Ferry Road Edwards, MS 39066-9550 601-896-1178

The electrifying vocals of "Val" McKnight began in early childhood, where she was a frequent performer at musical events around Mississippi. She continues to transform her gifts with extraordinary drive and passion. She has been the opening act for blues artists such as Bobby Rush, Denise LaSalle and OB Buchanan. She is available for private parties, festivals and events.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Annie B. McKee 5891 Windsor Circle Meridian, MS 39305 601-681-8525 Home 601-479-2483 Cell annielcy@aol.com

Annie represents the state's heritage as a storyteller, author, public speaker, humorist, and creator of historic literary performance events. She is a teacher for creative writing workshops, performance arts classes for children, guest playwright for community theatres, and a presenter of dramatic readings. Her plays have been staged across the state.

Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster



George Miles 509 Lorenz Blvd. Apt A Jackson, MS 39216 662-418-0164 gmiles007@hotmail.com

George is a visual artist who specializes in photography, collage, mixed media and graphic design. He offers a wide range of arts and cultural workshops. Miles teaches classes on drawing, painting, collage, photography, computer graphics, and more. He is a native of Starkville and a resident of Jackson. Miles enjoys working with individuals from various walks of life. "I try to inspire and have an impact on communities. My work is like a mirror that reflects light toward social change." Miles is a leading pioneer in bridging the gap between art and community.



Harold Wayne Miller 101 Apple Blossom Drive Brandon, MS 39047 601-919-1301 601-400-0032 mundystreet@aol.com

Harold is a potter and sculptor. He teaches programs that include the history of pottery and sculpting, the types of clay and glazes, as well as modeling forms, glazing effects, and the firing process. His students find relief from their concerns, create legacies for their families, and enjoy the art of working with clay. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Gail Morton 150 Hunter Rd. Thaxton, MS 38871 662-489-0150 662-296-1303 gmorton@pcsd.k12.ms.us

Gail uses a variety of materials to incorporate art in many different subject areas. She demonstrates art-making techniques for teachers and students. She works in crayon batik, clay vessels, clay portraits, mobile making, science and art, math and art, drawing portraits, sculpture, special needs, art and nutrition, mask-making, and the art of healing. *Teaching Artist Roster*



Mississippi Chamber Circle Contact: Dr. Hsiaopei Lee 118 College Drive #5081 Hattiesburg, MS 39406 601-266-4718

MCC is devoted to the performance of string chamber music and the development of string education. Each year they present several concerts in Hattiesburg and throughout the Southeast, and collaborate with artists from music schools and symphonies, as well as with selected Southern Miss string students. The MCC is interested in reaching out to local communities through educational concerts and performances on university campuses. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



M.U.G.A.B.E.E. 23710 Highway 18 Raymond, MS 39154-9002 601-885-8926 turnerworldaround.org

M.U.G.A.B.E.E. stands for "Men Under Guidance Acting Before Early Extinction" and describes Maurice and Carlton Turner. The brothers are spoken word artists, musicians, singers, lyricists, songwriters, producers, engineers, poets, arrangers and performers. They offer creative writing and songwriting workshops and lead audiences in putting their creative writing to music. They also offer community and school performances.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Mississippi Symphony Orchestra P.O. Box 2052 Jackson, MS 39225 601-960-1565 www.msorchestra.com

The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra performs for thousands each year. Presenters may choose the Brass Quintet, Woodwind Quintet, String Quartet, Chamber Orchestra, Pops Orchestra or full Orchestra. Programs can be designed from a large repertoire of classical and contemporary music, and popular Broadway tunes. Mississippi Artist Roster



Sarah Mutziger 5503 13th Place Meridian, MS 39305 601-485-7778 601-934-3550 Cell smeyermut@hotmail.com

Sarah is a storyteller who teaches others about telling stories and using stories for healing and transformation in workshops, seminars and classes. She also offers classes and workshops for all levels of telling. Her repertoire includes worldwide folklore, mythology, legends, and ghost stories.



Dr. Marvin K. Myles & The Myles Family 207 East South Street Kosciusko, Ms. 39090 662-289-3548 mkmyles@bellsouth.net

The Myles Family has graced the stage in many areas of the world. They have performed throughout the south, in Washington, D.C. at the Congressional Gospel Breakfast, during the Smithsonian Folklife Festival where they were guest artists as well, and at the Notodden Festival in Norway. Their engagements include churches, festivals, concerts, schools, parks, and other sites.

Mississippi Artist Roster



New Stage Theatre Contact: Chris Roebuck 1100 Carlisle St., Jackson, MS 39202 601-948-3533 ext. 232 education@newstagetheatre.com

New Stage Theatre brings literature to life through its educational tours. Each show is formatted for flexible staging and is adaptable to a number of performance spaces. Workshops help students learn to tell stories through improvisation and scripted plays. They can also enhance verbal and non-verbal communication skills, emphasize the collaborative nature of theatre, and provide new avenues to help teachers across the curriculum. *Mississippi Artist Roster*

Rev. Ronald Myers P.O. Box 269 Belzoni, MS 39038 662-247-3364 day 662-247-1471 evening myersfound@aol.com

Minister, physician and jazz musician, Rev. Ronald V. Myers, Sr. works to keep Mississippi's jazz legacy alive in the Mississippi Delta. He serves as the Artistic Director for the Mississippi Jazz and Heritage Program, working to organize a number of festivals and performance that focus on Mississippi's contributions to jazz. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Anthony Neumann 709 State Street Natchez, MS 39120 601-446-5482 Home 318-573-2276 Cell adneumann@hotmail.com

Anthony brings a unique blend of enthusiasm and professionalism to dance with both adults and children. He is available as artist and choreographer for local theater, ballet and dance schools in staging musicals, ballet, jazz, tap, and ensemble pieces - offering workshops and master classes and services in musical theater, ballet, tap and jazz. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Nash Street Cindy Melby, Manager 112 North Nash Street Starkville, MS 39759 662-324-1287 662-312-8175 nashstreet@nashstreet.com Nash Street is a grassroots country band that performs at festivals, fairs, concerts, radio shows, and other venues throughout the Southeast. In 2008, they earned the Grand Prize and title of "The Best New Act in Country Music" at the Colgate Country Showdown in Nashville, TN. They offer a unique blend of country and bluegrass with a family-friendly stage show. Mississippi Artist Roster



Sherry Norfolk 888 Vera St. Atlanta, GA 30316 404.627.7012 Office 404.401.2737 Cell shnorfolk@aol.com www.sherrynorfolk.com

Sherry is an internationally acclaimed storyteller, appearing at the International Storytelling Center, the Singapore Storytelling Festival, Manila Storytelling Festival, and many more festivals, schools, libraries and universities nationwide. Her strong, clear, direct stage presence immediately connects to audiences of all ages, and her use of tones, timbres, and rhythms in her telling breathes life into her rich repertoire of folktales from around the world. *Teaching Artist Roster*



Jo Patterson 14 Chartres Street Brandon, MS 39047-8880 601-842-3139 patterson_jo@hotmail.com

Jo has been a professional artist for over 30 years and an art educator for 20 years. Jo has taught classes on drawing, painting, sculpting, mask making, collage, murals, calligraphy, printmaking, textile and faux finishes. She also teaches classes on art history, portfolio preparation, how to make a living as an artist and legal matters for artists.

Teaching Artist Roster



John Paul P.O. Box 1366 Jackson, MS 39205 601-354-1537, ext. 136 johnpaul@standrews cathedral.org

John presents concert harpsichord programs, specializing in the 17th and 18th century French School and the suites of J.S. Bach. He uses both the instruments and the music to maximize the engagement of the audience. He has completed more than 500 appearances and school residencies, and has released several critically-acclaimed recordings. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Bill "Howl-N-Madd" Perry P.O.Box 171 Abbeville, MS 38601 662-832-0504 howl-n-madd@hotmail.com

Bill writes and performs original music, producing CDs which have been played throughout the world for over 40 years. He has played in festivals and in clubs all over the country, and internationally with his band. He is accustomed to performing for a small group or in front of thousands.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Brenda Pritchett 109 Scarlet Dr. Columbus, MS 39705 662-328-4805 Home 662-549-4258 Cell sonlight52@yahoo.com

Brenda, a professional storyteller for over 35 years, uses the power of story to bring words to life through her costumed character Mrs. Lydia Peabody. She performs at schools, public libraries, festivals, camps, and conferences. Groups are invited to become a part of the story. Teachers and students of all ages find her programs educational and entertaining. *Teaching Artist Roster*



Puppet Arts Theatre Contact: Peter Zapletal 1927 Springridge Drive Jackson, MS 39211 601-956-3414 peter@mspuppetry.com

Puppet Arts Theatre is a professional touring theatre company under the direction of Peter Zapletal, a five-time Emmy Award winning puppeteer. The company makes its own puppets and travels with flexible staging, sound and lights. They offer a complete theatre experience in any setting, which at times allows children from the audience to perform with the cast on stage.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Richelle Putnam 600 Old Country Club Rd. Meridian, MS 39305 601-482-4121 richput@mywebemail.net

With awards, publishing credits, and writing certificates in poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and songwriting, Richelle instructs all ages on the craft of writing. She has been an artist-in-residence at schools and for the Girls Scouts of America, facilitated journaling sessions in prison settings with incarcerated women, worked in libraries, community centers, Head Start Programs, and Boys and Girls Clubs. Her original songs have been played on radio stations nationwide.

Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster



Michael Richardson 621 McIntosh Street Gulfport, MS 39507-1306 228-248-0013 zenchops59@yahoo.com

Michael has developed original shadow puppet performances, using transparent puppets, from fairy tales for children to experimental productions for universities. With more than 2,000 performances worldwide, Michael is a recognized resource in the field of puppet theatre. He offers performances, residency packages, and teacher training sessions. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Rhonda Richmond 1626 Schoolview Drive Jackson, MS 39213 601-497-1234 rrichmond@ojahmediagroup.com

Rhonda is a composer and performance artist who writes, arranges and teaches students the craft of song writing. She also offers a lecture performance for children and youths, and performs original works and arranged standards in communities and cultural venues such as museums, secondary and post secondary educational institutions and art and cultural festivals.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Terrence RobertsP.O. Box 3472, Meridian, MS 39303 601-480-1244 dastoryweaver@gmail.com www.DaStoryWeaver.com

Terrence Roberts is a jali/griot, a storyteller who weaves his stories like the web of his favorite character Anansi the Spider. Roberts is a collector of tales worldwide but is most known for his African and African American folktales. He is known as "Da Story Weaver". Roberts is available for schools, libraries, festivals, churches, community groups and special events. Mississippi Artist Roster Teaching Artist Roster



Jo Ann Robinson 683 Spring Lake Drive Pearl, MS 39208-6646 601-932-9749 jarbfc@msn.com

Jo Ann has been acting professionally for over 30 years in television, film, regional theatre, voice over work, and corporate training films. She has been a regular at New Stage Theatre in Jackson for nearly twenty years, and travels around the U.S. performing in regional theatre. Jo Ann is now presenting Eudora Welty's "Why I Live at the P.O." as a one person show. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Mickey Rogers
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Mickey Rogers' mentor and guitar teacher was Hubert Sumlin. Mickey's first trip out of the country was with Howlin' Wolf and Hubert Sumlin to the UK in 1964 where Mickey met the Rolling Stones. Mickey performed on stage with the Rolling Stones. Mickey is honored with a stone on the Musician Walk of Fame in Greenville, MS. He performs at festivals, clubs and private parties and social events. He performs with his band The Soul Blues Band. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Rosalind Roy Heavenly Design by Roz Studio 3252 North State Street Jackson MS 39216 601-981-1022 Home 601-954-2147 Office

Rosalind works in multiple mediums, including clay sculpture, paper collage and computer illustration. She offers programs for school groups that are focused on polymer clay sculpting or paper collage art. Her clay workshop can be used to help reinforce curriculum concepts in different subject areas, including science, geography, and history. The paper collage workshop focuses on color and design. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Bobby Rush
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Bobby Rush remains one of the most exciting and creative artists in the R&B/blues arena. Rush's live shows are without parallel, replete with costume changes and comedic sketches acted out with the assistance of his lovely female dancers. Rush adopts various onstage persona, delivering all with a wink that assures the audience that he's in on the joke. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Dayton Scoggins 211 Highway 11 N. Sandersville Heidelberg, MS 39439 601-649-6054 dayton@artistryinwood.com

Dayton is recognized as a world class chainsaw artist. His work is found in private and public collections in every state and several countries. Dayton has won international and national invitational competitions. His appeal is broad - he has been featured on local, national and international television and in newspapers and magazines across the country. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Theresa Sanchez 907 N. 34th Avenue Hattiesburg, MS 39401 601-271-8700 theresa.sanchez@jcjc.edu

Theresa pursues a career as a piano soloist and collaborative musician. She has presented recitals worldwide and has been a soloist with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, the Mississippi Wind Symphony, The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and The Wind Ensemble. She is featured on the SouthArts online registry, Southern Artistry and has performed on radio stations nationwide. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Rosangela Yazbec Sebba P.O. Box 6240 Mississippi State, MS 39762 rys3@colled.msstate.edu 662-325-2854

Rosângela is a pianist who combines her concert and teaching schedule, and is noted for her lecture-recitals. She has performed and given lectures and master classes throughout the hemisphere. Dr. Sebba serves as soloist and collaborative pianist, and gives master classes, lectures and lectures/recitals to all types of audiences.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Alphonzo is a performer, educator, and songwriter. He performs regionally and internationally, working in recording studios producing CDs and helping other musicians produce their music. He can provide a blues education package or a performance package. Dr. Sanders is available for parties, clubs and festival as well as community, education and corporate events. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Patricia Seymour 609 Washington Avenue Ocean Springs, MS 39564-4633 228-872-7211 groundingcenter@yahoo.com

Patricia began her career in New York City where she received a ballet scholar-ship. She is a licensed psychotherapist with clients of all ages. Her areas of expertise include creative arts therapy, crisis intervention, mental health, addiction, and traditional psychotherapy. Her programs involved creative movement and dance experiences to help children learn adaptive self expression.

Teaching Artist Roster



Shallow Creek Contact: Farron Moeller 116 Moeller Road Picayune, MS 39466-7576 601-798-3933 moeller@megagate.com

Shallow Creek is a bluegrass and country gospel band that promotes the gospel in song, in an entertaining, uplifting, and respectful manner. Their performances consist of vocal and instrumental material. Shallow Creek can easily adjust performances to fit any audience or time requirement.

Mississippi Artist Roster



"Big" Joe Shelton 204 N. Jefferson St. Macon, MS 39343 662-726-9893 shelton_joe@att.net

Big Joe is a blues singer, songwriter, harmonica, and guitar player from Columbus. He has toured the world, and is a performer/lecturer. He also performs solo or with a full band at festivals and events. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Robert & Debra Shinn 591 Hwy 41 East Okolona, MS 38860 662-447-0134 brigidsforge@bellsouth.net

Silversmiths and artists, Robert and Debra train students of all ages to manipulate metal into wearable works of art. They offer demonstrations and workshops; individual classes are also available. They are also members of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Tammy Stanford Williams 422 W. Chickasaw Street Brookhaven, MS 39601 601-823-1333 601-325-5275 Cell tstanford@mde.k12.ms.us

Tammy is a Dance and Movement Specialist for Theatre, Voice, and Visual Arts at the Mississippi School for the Arts in Brookhaven. She has designed, taught, and implemented programs for public schools in Hazlehurst, Lamar County, Hattiesburg, Petal, Laurel City Schools, the University of Southern Mississippi and William Carey University. Teaching Artist Roster



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Elliott, with over fifty film and television credits, returned to Mississippi to spearhead the restoration of the Grand Opera House in Meridian; at that time he joined the theatre faculty at Meridian Community College. Three years ago he founded the Company of Angels Theatre in Meridian. Elliot has won numerous awards, and offers seven workshop themes that cover the complete range of stage and screen disciplines.

Mississippi Artist Roster



R. Adrian Sturdivant 224 Bay Park Drive Brandon, MS 39047 601-954-2117 601-992-9847 PM woodturn3@aol.com

Adrian is accomplished at turning open and closed faced bowls and hollow form art. His focus is to display the natural beauty of highly figured hardwood. His preference is burl, stumpwood and crotchwood. His work is visually pleasing and created to be handled and displayed. He is involved with the Magnolia Woodturners and serves on the board of directors of the American Association of Woodturners. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Tricia WalkerP.O. Box 552
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Tricia is a singer and songwriter whose songs are steeped in the passion, pain and grace of the American South. Born and raised in Mississippi, Walker has become one of the clearest voices of her own time and place. A recording artist herself, Tricia's songs thoughtfully capture the songwriter's view of the South with well-placed lyrics and music reflecting her folk, R&B and storytelling influences.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Robin Whitfield 125 Green Street Grenada, MS 38901 662-230-0368 robin@robinwhitfield.com

Robin is a painter, teacher, and naturalist. She offers a variety of workshops, classroom projects, and master classes, including "The Art of Seeing", "Earth Stories", "The Art of Ecology" and "Learning About Nature Through Art".

Mississippi Artist Roster



Pat Walker-Fields 14 South First Street Rolling Fork, MS 39159 662-873-4003 ritsartist@aol.com

Pat is a representational painter of portraits, still-lifes & landscapes. Her masterful manipulation of light and dark, evocative of Rembrandt's use of chiaroscuro, is the defining component of her style. Her representation of faces cannot be forgotten. They linger, teasing from the viewer's mind the story that explains, or searching for a name that has the power to keep safe what the viewer experienced. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Wiley & the Checkmates P.O.Box 552 Oxford, MS 38655 662-513-5286 www.wileyandthecheckmates.com

Lifelong Oxford resident Herbert Wiley formed the Checkmates with a group of high school friends in 1960. Wiley began crisscrossing the Southeast playing venues ranging from Alabama to the annual Ponderosa Stomp festival in New Orleans. Wiley and the Checkmates released their debut CD in 2004 and their second in 2008. Wiley and the Checkmates are available to play club shows, festivals, parties, or community events. *Mississippi Artist Roster*



The Larry Wallace Band P.O. Box 714 Starkville, MS 39760 662-323-9264 banjosound@aol.com

The Larry Wallace Band of Starkville has been busy traveling and performing for fans of traditional bluegrass music in Mississippi and all across the country. The group plays bluegrass music in the traditional style, with a rock-solid presentation of heart-felt singing and tasteful instrumentation, along with a very high-energy stage show.

Mississippi Artist Roster



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Bill is a portrait painter, but his experience is broad and extensive – from portraits and gallery work, to illustration and movie storyboarding. In a smooth easy going style, a whole new world opens up to his students. The one comment he hears consistently from his students is "that is the first time I really understood how to make the paint do what I want it to do." *Mississippi Artist Roster*



Y'all's Blues Band Contact: Tom Reeves 3503 Kings Highway, Jackson, MS 39216 601-291-0333 vallsbluesband@aol.com Facebook & YouTube

Y'all's Blues Band is a Mississippi based band specializing in acoustic hill country blues music. The band's goal is to maintain the integrity of the music they perform. The band shares knowledge of the cultural and historical context of the music. Rare songs by Charley Patton, Memphis Minnie, the Mississippi Sheiks and others are a few of the band's influences. They include old spirituals, rag style and jug band music.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Louis Arzo "Gearshifter" Youngblood P.O. Box 209 Crystal Springs, MS 39059 601-647-0187 lygearshifter34@gmail.com

"Gearshifter" learned to play the guitar from his great aunt and his grandfather. Louis is fluent in modern blues and is unique in the blues field by playing contemporary soul/blues hits on acoustic guitar. He has been playing in bands as both a vocalist and guitarist since his teens and several years ago he began performing as a solo acoustic act.

Mississippi Artist Roster



Peter Zapletal 1927 Springridge Dr., Jackson, MS 39211 601-956-3414 peter@mspuppetry.com

Peter enhances students' speaking abilities, thinking skills and appreciation of literature & music through creative puppetry. He demonstrates different kinds of puppets to make by the teachers or students. He is Artistic Director for Puppet Arts Theatre, recipient of three Artist Fellowship Awards from MAC, Jim Henson Foundation grant for his production of The Golem and recipient of five Emmy Awards for his TV work. **Teaching Artist Roster**



We proudly dedicate this Artist Roster to the USA International Ballet Competition in recognition of their contribution to the arts, and their achievements in bringing the world's attention to our home state.

While the dance world gathers in Jackson every 4 years for the official USA International Ballet Competition, two community enrichment programs (Summer Arts Camp and CityDance) operate each year. The Summer Arts Camp began in 1996 and offers dance expression and creative movement classes for 6 weeks in conjunction with Operation Shoestring. CityDance provides quality ballet instruction after-

school twice a week to Jackson area children. Dance instruction, specifically instruction in classical ballet, carries many benefits including increased flexibility and coordination, earned self-esteem and discipline, and an understanding of learning as a process. In October 2011, USA IBC will showcase its fourth performance of *Tunes*, *Tutus*, and *Turning Wheels*, which is specifically designed to incorporate artists and dancers with and without disabilities. By July 2012, USA IBC will host a reunion gala for balletomanes inviting former medalists for a return performance. www.usaibc.com

RESOURCES

The Mississippi Visual Arts Directory is a regularly updated visual arts resource for the state of Mississippi. Included on this website are visual artists, craftspeople, galleries, museums, cultural centers and arts education facilities. The Mississippi Arts Commission created the site and provides a free listing as a courtesy to Mississippibased artists and arts organizations. Visit the site at www.visualarts.ms.gov.

As we move into the 21st century, the power to imagine and create new ideas is becoming a major economic driver. The Mississippi Arts Commission and the Mississippi Development Authority came together in an innovative partnership to show the value of Mississippis cultural heritage and what it means to the state's economy. To find out details about the *Creative Economy* in Mississippi, visit http://mscreativeeconomy.com.

Mississippi is home to a wide range of traditional art forms and distinct community events. The music, crafts, and other traditions help the state's resident to pass on their beliefs to younger generations and reinforce their community's shared identity. *The Mississippi Folklife Directory* website is part of the Mississippi Arts Commission's ongoing effort to increase awareness of the state's traditional arts and culture. To find out more, visit

The Mississippi Arts Commission's *Whole Schools Initiative*, the state's first comprehensive arts education program, stresses that every child deserves to be taught in and through the arts, thus nurturing the imagination and creatively impacting lifelong learning. The program uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for students in all

www.arts.state.ms.us/folklife.

disciplines. To find out more about this innovative program, visit www.mswholeschools.org.

Being *ArtsReady* means preparedness, readiness and business continuity for you and your organization in the event of an emergency. It means backing up critical documents, communication and evacuation plans, and protecting your organization's assets. The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to partner with SouthArts to encourage our arts community to engage in disaster planning by using the available resources on www.artsready.org.

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